

HOUSE BILL 1446

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By: **Delegates Otto and McDermott**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Somerset and Worcester Counties – Deer Hunting on Private Property –**
3 **Sundays**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing persons in Somerset County and Worcester County to
5 hunt deer on certain Sundays on private property using certain hunting
6 equipment during certain months; and generally relating to hunting on private
7 property on Sundays in Somerset County and Worcester County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Natural Resources
10 Section 10–410(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 10–410.

17 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (6) of this
18 subsection, a person may not hunt any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

19 (2) The following persons may hunt the specified game birds and
20 mammals on Sundays:

21 (i) A person using State certified raptors to hunt game birds or
22 mammals during open season;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase
2 to chase foxes;

3 (iii) Provided that the provisions of § 10–906(b)(3) of this title are
4 met, a person:

5 1. Using a regulated shooting ground under § 10–906 of
6 this title to hunt the following pen-reared game birds:

7 A. Pheasants;

8 B. Bobwhite quail;

9 C. Chukar partridge;

10 D. Hungarian partridge;

11 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

12 F. Turkey on a regulated shooting ground that was
13 permitted to release turkey before September 1, 1992; and

14 2. Having the written permission of the owner of the
15 land or other person designated by the owner of the land, if the land is owned or leased
16 by a person other than the person hunting on Sundays;

17 (iv) Subject to the provisions of § 10–411 of this subtitle, in
18 Allegany, Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, St. Mary's,
19 Somerset, Talbot, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties, a person hunting
20 deer on private property with a bow and arrow or crossbow during open season on the
21 last three Sundays in October and the second Sunday in November; and

22 (v) Except on Easter Sunday, in Allegany County and Garrett
23 County, a person hunting turkey on the last Sunday in April and the first Sunday in
24 May.

25 (3) Subject to the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle, in Calvert
26 County, Charles County, [and] St. Mary's County, **SOMERSET COUNTY, AND**
27 **WORCESTER COUNTY**, a person may hunt deer on private property on:

28 (i) The first Sunday of the bow hunting season in November;
29 and

30 (ii) Each Sunday in the deer firearms season.

1 (4) Provided that the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle are met
2 and subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, the Department may allow a person to
3 hunt deer on private property on the first Sunday of:

4 (i) The bow hunting season in November; and

5 (ii) The deer firearms season.

6 (5) The Sunday deer hunting provisions under paragraph (4) of this
7 subsection do not apply:

8 (i) In Baltimore, Howard, and Prince George’s counties; and

9 (ii) In Baltimore City.

10 (6) A person who is 16 years of age or younger may hunt deer with a
11 firearm on a Sunday through participation in the junior deer hunt established under §
12 10–405(a) of this subtitle.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 July 1, 2012.